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TO VOTERS.

The men nominated for village officers for the coming year are men of practical business experience, in whose care the affairs of the village can be safely placed, confident that each and every matter in which the village is interested will receive the same thoughtful consideration as would be given to the individual interests of each official. The new men—Messrs. Tinker and Hannah—have each served a term in the village council, and will bring to the discharge of their duties ripe judgment and practical experience.

The Upheaval in the Salvation Army.

Anything having a tendency to abridge the usefulness of the Salvation Army in this country would cause serious regret to all people, irrespective of denomination, for the excellent work of the Army has been too evident not to be appreciated by all unprejudiced persons. For this reason, the discussions that threaten to spring up in consequence of the removal of Commander Ballington Booth and his wife from the command of the organization in the United States are viewed with apprehension, and the hope is generally expressed that some way will be found to bring order out of chaos. There is no doubt that the loyalty of the American branch to the parent organization is being put to a severe test, and it ought not to be surprising, to judge from present state of affairs.

In some way transpires the impression has gone abroad that Gen. Booth, the commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, does not look upon the people of the United States with a kindly eye, but rather with considerable ingrained British prejudice. The naturalization as American citizens of Commander Ballington Booth and his wife, the unusually strong hold they have upon the affection of their subjects, the great respect entertained for them by everybody, all this is said to have disposed Gen. Booth to make the change. This of course, may not be true, and the change may have been determined upon in pursuance of a general policy of rotation.

The fact that a great difference of opinion prevails among the officers of the Army in this country as to what the effect of the difficulty will be upon the organization proves that the danger of a split is imminent. There is a disposition on the part of a large contingent to follow the fortunes of the deposed commander and put the Army in the United States upon an independent and distinctively American basis, while others express a determination to remain loyal to the commander-in-chief. To reconcile differences so radical looks almost impossible.

The Salvation Army in the United States, is strong enough, of course, to stand alone. The field in which it labors differs greatly from others, and Commander Booth may be tempted to cultivate it according to plans and upon lines which practical experience have led him to believe to be best adapted to the attainment of the largest possible success.

The selection of district delegates to the republican national convention is a matter which is now receiving some attention and the Record has heard the names of Hon. Stanley W. Turner of Roscommon, Hon. Willis Slosson of Osceola, and Dr. Babcock of Kalkaska counties named as men who would do honor to the district if selected as delegates from this congressional district. Four years ago Grand Traverse had one of the delegates and Gratiot the other—one from the northern and one from the southern ends of the district. Turner and Slosson, if chosen would be from counties near the center of the district—the location which would seem entitled to the honor this year. Both are keen, shrewd and active politicians, who have gained experience and discretion in many a strategic political contest. We want good men on our national delegation this year, if ever, and while there may be other good and true men put forward for the positions, only two can secure them, and we do not believe the republicans of this district could do better when they meet in convention than to make a choice of Mr. Turner and Mr. Slosson as their delegates.—Howard Record.

We certainly hope the Gratiot county delegation will support Mr. Turner. He is a bright man, and will guard our interests as well as any one we could mention.

As will be seen by reference to our local columns, an opportunity will be given the voters of Alma next Monday to express their views on the saloon question. Let every voter deposit one of the slips which will be furnished him. By doing so, the council may be guided in its action when the bonds of saloonists are presented this spring.

W. C. T. U.

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There were three bills to make a change in the liquor laws of Ohio disposed of last week. Two provided for an increase of the Dow law tax to \$350 and \$500 respectively, and the other was the Haskell bill, to permit local option of counties, of townships and of wards. The Harris local option bill was defeated by two votes in the Senate, and the Dow law tax was increased to \$500.

The Missouri stage-coach driver shed light on the vitality of the saloon when he said: "You can never down the whisky business when there is an eight-cent profit in a ten-cent drink." If there was no money to be made in selling spirituous liquors, the saloons would soon disappear. But the enormous profit made on each glass sold, the little capital required, and the light labor which the business imposes, make it very popular with those who have no heart and consult only their own selfish interest. The business must be made so expensive that men can not afford to carry it on. Can this be done by heavier fines for all illegal sales?

Religious Notes.

Y. P. S. C. E.

Wm. Howe, leader; meets at 6:30 p. m.

B. Y. P. E.

Sidney Clum, leader. Subject, Keeping the Sabbath, Ex. 20:8-11; meets at 6:30 p. m.

BAPTIST.

Rev. A. H. Beaver of Saginaw will preach.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Morning, Holy Communion. In the evening will be given the second of the series of seven sermons. Subject, What am I to think about the Bible?

EPISCOPAL.

Holy communion at 8:45 a. m.; service and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Music by male quartet and vested choir.

METHODIST.

Morning, The Fool's Vineyard; evening, Strength of Character.

The Mission Band

The Mission Band will meet at the home of Mrs. W. F. Jones Saturday afternoon, promptly from 3 to 4 o'clock, with the following program. Subject, The Freedmen:

Opening exercises—Edith Desmond.
Hymn—What a Friend we have in Jesus.
Roll Call—Responded to by friends of interest.
Sketch of Mission Schools in the South—Mrs. Jones.
Reading—"Results"—Mattie Hawley.
Instrumental Solo—Lizzie Davidson.
Reading—Letters from the Mission Schools—Edna Schwartz.
Recitation—Selected—Ruth Downing.
Collection.
Closing Prayer.
Examination of pictures and articles from the schools.

Woman's Club.

Program for Woman's Club March 16, History of painting, pages 94-95.
Who was Raphael Sanzio?
What was his style?
By what title is he known?
Contrast him with Michael Angelo.
From what great masters of painting did he derive his excellencies, and how did he utilize them?
What were his subjects?
What of his technique for his period and school?
What was his influence on the art of the day?
Some some of the most famous of his extant works?
Paper—Rephael.
Pap. r. 2. The Madonna in Art.
Legend of the Madonna della Seggiola.
Art of Art's sake, pages 121-122.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given, that the partnership between Isaac P. Taylor and Gustavus Meyer under the firm of Taylor & Meyer at Elwell, Mich., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by said Gustavus Meyer, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment, the said Gustavus Meyer continuing the business in the same place.
Elwell, Mich., Feb. 29, 1896.
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Attention.

Having concluded to engage again in marble and granite business, I would ask those who contemplate purchasing headstones or monuments before placing their orders to call on or write me.
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A. J. HATFIELD.
St. Louis, Mich., Feb. 18, 1896.

Your Boy Won't Live a Month

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for lung trouble. Trial bottle at B. S. Webb's Drug Store.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

IONIA, MICH., APRIL 1-3, 1896.
For this occasion the D. G. H. & M. R.'s in connection with all other Michigan lines will make a rate of one fare for the round trip and tickets will be sold to the public on April 15 and good to return to April 16. It is expected that the low rate made for this occasion will bring out a large attendance. The D. G. H. & M. R.'s runs four trains daily in each direction to Ionia with parlor chair car attached (extra charge only 25 cents on day trains and modern sleeper on night trains).

THE JAPANESE BABY.

A Kind of Infant That Would Delight Some American Mothers.

Every woman in Japan above the age of 15 years seems to own a baby and usually carries it around on her back. Japanese babies never cry. They never get impatient or discontented, but they stay where they are put and enjoy it. You can see hundreds of women at work in the tea firing houses, where the temperature is always very high, and the work is very hard, going through their 12 hours of labor with babies 8 or 10 weeks old strapped upon their backs, and the babies never whimper, no matter how much the mothers shake them up when they are stirring the tea. Then, after three hours, when the regular resting time comes and everybody stops for refreshments, baby gets his. He is strapped and nursed while the mother is dipping into her little rice can with a couple of chop sticks, and then, when the whistle blows, he is strapped on again for another three hours without opening his lips except to yawn or say "foo" or make some other remark as the incident and peculiarities of this wonderful world excite his attention.

When he gets a little older, his mother puts him in a tea box with some little plaything, and he will stay there all day, safe from harm, and grow and enjoy himself. He can exercise his arms by pulling himself by the sides of the box, and his legs by treading around in that limited space, and can assist in the development of his dental apparatus by chewing the edges of the boards, but he never seems to get tired or hungry or dissatisfied, although any live American baby that ever existed would be howling like a dove of blue devils in five minutes after his mother or land went to her work.

Toward morning, when the sun gets hot and the little ones feel sleepy, they lie down on the floor like a cat or a dog. It may be a board floor, but they need no cradle or blanket or pillow, only a sheltered corner out of the sun where they won't be stepped upon, and they do not have to be rocked or sung to sleep. They take care of themselves. Their mothers are busy earning 8, 10 or 15 cents a day by 12 or 13 hours of hard labor in a warehouse where the temperature is often up to 100 degrees all day long, and the odor of tea is so strong that it almost strangles you. So they do not wish to bother them or add to their cares and have the good sense and self control to find their own amusement and look after their own comfort, just like a puppy or a kitten.

That is the kind of baby they raise in Japan.—Yokohama Letter in Chicago Record.

England's Fear of Invasion.

The second preparation for war was the well known yet curious and much discussed equipment of an expedition to invade England. It is a commonplace of history that British empire has ever been bound up with the separation of the kingdom from the continent of Europe by a narrow but stormy channel. There had, of course, been repeated and successful invasions of her soil from the days of the Anglo-Saxons themselves down to the expedition of William of Orange, but growing wealth had furnished ever increasing means of resistance in the superb armaments which under England's flag made access to her shores so much more difficult with every year that finally, after the Seven Years' war, it came to be regarded by her enemies as impossible. On the other hand, the people themselves are to this day skeptical and fall into periodic panics on the question.

Some clever fiction, like the "Battle of Dorking," or a revival of the project for a tunnel under the channel, can awaken such visions of invasion as to insure the passage of any grant for strengthening the navy. This singular distrust was well known to the French. For many years the project of a descent on England had been the standard pretext of the convention and of the directory to extort money from officeholders and patriots. Consequently the feasibility of the scheme had been a standard subject of debate. This revolutionary, or rather traditional and national, inheritance was exploited by the first consul to its full value. In general his preparation was doubtless a feint, but keeping, as ever, two strings to his bow, there were probably times when the scheme commended itself to him as an alternative.—"Life of Napoleon," by Professor William M. Sloane, in Century.

Chest Pains.

Chest pains usually cause great discomfort to a patient and are sometimes not sufficiently appreciated by the physician. Dr. J. K. Crook relates a series of cases as illustrating the diagnostic value of chest pains. In some cases these pains are reflected from an overloaded or disordered stomach, in some cases it is neuralgia, and in exceptional cases the lungs themselves are at fault. Most pains with pains in the chest think they have some lung or heart disease. Pneumonia causes pain, but the other symptoms make the diagnosis clear. Consumption is not a disease accompanied by pain, and when it does occur it is from continual coughing.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Hard Lines.

"Belle Elderly is getting some very hard lines in her face."
"It's the strain of being so girlish. That's where her hard lines come in."—New York Tribune.

Simon S. Hartman, of Tunnelton, West Va., has been subject to attacks of colic about once a year, and would have to call a doctor and then suffer for about twelve hours as much as some do when they die. He was taken recently just the same as at other times, and concluded to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says: "I took one dose of it and it gave me relief in five minutes. That is more than anything else has ever done for me." For sale by C. E. Mahan, druggist.

Not to be Trifled With

(From Cincinnati Gazette.)
Will people never learn that a "cold" is an accident to be dreaded, and that when it occurs treatment should be promptly applied? There is no knowing where the trouble will end; and while complete recovery is the rule, the exceptions are terribly frequent, and thousands upon thousands of fatal illnesses occur every year ushered in by a little indiscretion exposure and seemingly trifling symptoms. Beyond this, there are today countless invalids who can trace their complaints to "colds," which at the time of occurrence gave no concern, and were therefore neglected.—When troubled with a cold use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is prompt and effectual. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by C. E. Mahan, druggist.

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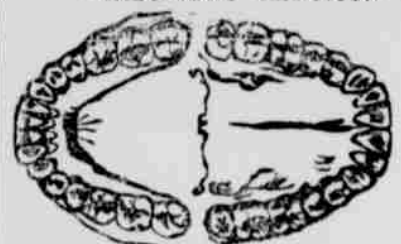
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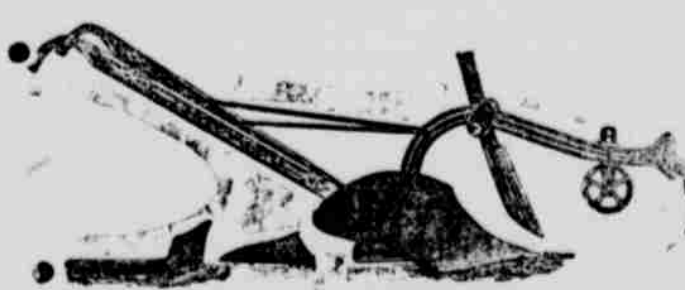
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